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CHRONICLER'S REPORT FOR 1917.

- Jan. 7-13. Beginning of the movement by advocates of Woman Suffrage to "picket" the White House gates. The sentinels carried banners with legends asking when the President would support the cause of Woman Suffrage.
- Jan. 13. An Avenue landmark—the Corcoran Building—at the corner of Fifteenth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, in the hands of wreckers, preparatory to the construction of the new Hotel Washington on the site.
- Jan. 13. Special services were held in St. John's Church, in commemoration of the founding of the century-old landmark. This building was designed by Benjamin H. Latrobe.
- Jan. 14. Dedication and formal opening of the new Dunbar High School, First Street between N and O Streets, N. W. This thoroughly equipped school for colored youth was named for the colored poet, Paul Laurence Dunbar.
- Jan. 16. Admiral George Dewey, hero of the Battle of Manila Bay and ranking officer of the United States Navy, died.
- Jan. 23. Mrs. M. C. Stewart, the first woman to be admitted to the Capitol press galleries, died.
- Jan. 25. Anson S. Taylor died.
- Feb. 3. Diplomatic relations with Germany severed by President Wilson.
Dr. J. Ford Thompson died.
- Feb. 12. The Myrtila Miner Normal School on Brightwood Avenue, for the education of colored students, was dedicated.
- Feb. 16. The new Central High School, Thirteenth and Clifton Streets, N.W., was dedicated.

- Mar. 1. Exercises occurred marking the semi-centennial of the founding of Howard University.
- Mar. 3. The Sheppard Bill providing for prohibition in the District of Columbia beginning November 1, 1917, was approved.
- Apr. 6. Declaration of a state of war with Germany was signed by the President today.
- Apr. 12. The United States Government took the first step toward the formation of a great army by calling for 500,000 volunteers.
- Apr. 21. The Federal Government gave over a large tract in Potomac Park for gardening under the direction of the Boy Scouts.
- Apr. 22. The British Mission headed by Minister Arthur J. Balfour and Lord Cunliffe, head of the Bank of England, reached Washington and were received by the President. A loan of \$200,000,000, the first foreign loan to be made, was extended by the United States to the British Government.
- Apr. 25. The French Mission, headed by Marshal Joffre and former Premier Viviani, accorded a great ovation on arrival in Washington.
- May 12. Dedication of the Red Cross Memorial Building, erected by the United States Government and patriotic citizens as a memorial to the women of this country who devoted their lives to relieving the sick and wounded during the Civil War.
- May 18. The President's Proclamation putting into effect the selective draft provision of the Army Bill, was issued.
- May 26. The District of Columbia Chapter of the Red Cross voted \$10,000 to be given to Marshal Joffre for the orphans of France.
- June 5. Registration Day for the registration of men of draft age for army service. 32,327 registered in the District of Columbia.
- June 7. 25,000 Confederate Veterans and Sons of Confederate Veterans marched up the Avenue and

- passed in review before President Wilson as living proof that ours is a united country today.
- June 9. The fifth boundary milestone at the head of Fessenden Street on the Maryland Boundary line, placed there in 1792, was dedicated by the Independence Bell Chapter, D. A. R.
- June 23. Laying of the cornerstone of the new Odd Fellows Hall on Seventh Street between D and E Streets, N.W. The old hall was built in 1840 and was one of the first fraternal halls in America.
- June 28. The statue of Robert Emmet, designed by Jerome Conner, the gift of American citizens of Irish ancestry, was presented to the United States and installed in the National Museum.
- July 21. The District of Columbia called to the colors 1858 men with requirements for service of 929 men.
- July 28. The entire National Guard of the District was called into the Federal service.
- Aug. 2. Mr. S. Walter Woodward, prominent Washington merchant, died at his summer home in Stockbridge, Mass.
- Sept. 4. By proclamation President Wilson welcomed the men of the National Army into the service of the United States. A great demonstration in the form of a parade led by the President occurred as a tribute to the men from the District selected for enrollment in the National Army.
- Sept. 24. Death of Dr. E. M. Gallaudet, retired president of Gallaudet College and one of the foremost benefactors of deaf mutes.
- Oct. 24. Proclaimed Liberty Day by President Wilson.
- Oct. 26. Demolition begun of the National Rifles' Armory, south side of G Street between Ninth and Tenth Streets, to make way for a ten-story office building. The National Rifles were for many years one of the leading military organizations of the District. Organized in 1859 and disbanded in 1905.

- Nov. 1. The Sheppard Prohibition Law making Washington dry became effective today.
- Nov. 15. John W. Foster, former Secretary of State, died. Mr. Foster also served as Minister to Mexico, Russia and Spain successively.
- Dec. 1. Purchase of the historic Cameron House by the Cosmos Club.

Respectfully submitted,

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NECROLOGY.

- 1917, March 29 MRS. NELLY LLOYD KNOX-HEATH.
- 1917, April 7 HENRY K. SIMPSON.
- 1917, April 27 ANDREW W. PENTLAND.
- 1917, May 19 MRS. MARY STEVENS BEALL.
- 1917, Aug. 2 S. WALTER WOODWARD.
- 1917, Sept. 26 N. H. SHEA.